



**Eddie A. Perez**  
**Mayor**

**MAYOR PEREZ SHARES GRAND VISION FOR  
SIGNATURE HARTFORD LOCATION  
NEW LOOK AT OLD BROADCAST HOUSE SITE**

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(December 3, 2008)--- Mayor Eddie A. Perez today proudly announced redevelopment plans for Constitution Plaza that are part of a larger vision to take Hartford's renaissance to the next level. This plan of action is designed to connect the progress along Columbus Boulevard, take it across I-84, and into Hartford's neighborhoods.

"Tomorrow begins today here in Hartford," said Mayor Perez. "We're building for the future. Constitution Plaza is a great place to start. The old Broadcast House is a place of tradition and soon this signature real estate location will help symbolize growth, job creation, and a more diversified economy."

Along Columbus Boulevard you can already see the Connecticut Convention Center, the Marriot Hotel, and the Connecticut Science Center, that is slated to open in the spring of 2009. Mayor Perez has already tasked the Hartford Redevelopment Agency with the creation of a plan that includes the former Broadcast House and the old Sonesta Hotel.

Mayor Perez is pleased that AI Engineers, Inc. shares this grand vision, especially when it comes to inspiring more Hartford residents to work in the areas of science, engineering, and architecture.

The Mayor says, "This is a catalyst for investment. More importantly, this is an issue of confidence. I am extremely pleased that Abul Islam and his team share our vision for this gateway to Downtown and for Hartford's future. He plans to build a site--- and call it home base-- to benefit the business district and diversify our economy beyond insurance and finance. This private company is making a strong investment in Hartford. It will help take New England's Rising Star to the next and higher level."

That level includes "going green," being on the cutting edge of technology, and creating opportunities for Hartford students and residents in these 21<sup>st</sup> Century industries.

Mayor Perez adds, "When people come over the Founders Bridge, they need to see something that makes a statement. We believe AI Engineers can help make that statement with an exclamation point!"